

Connecticut Small Business Development Centers A New Beginning...In New Locations...

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is proud to embark on a new beginning as new host for the Connecticut Small Business Development Center (CSBDC). Central Connecticut State University – Institute of Technology and Business Development (CCSU – ITBD), together with the three other Connecticut Universities, Western Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University and Southern Connecticut State University, will team up with the SBA on January 1, 2007.

The SBDC, touted as the nation's largest government-funded small business assistance program, operated and partially funded by the SBA boasts 63 lead centers and more than 900 service delivery points throughout the United States.

CCSU-ITBD, located in New Britain, currently provides training and technological assistance to businesses and other organizations, and is a perfect new home for the CSBDC. Linking education, business and government together, small-business owners and entrepreneurs will find the same quality educational, technical and management assistance they have received for the past 26 years.

The goal of the CSBDC is to be a comprehensive access point for entrepreneurs with the ability to address the vast array of problems faced by many small business entrepreneurs. The CSBDC will provide a wide range of resources while working with federal and state agencies, other technical assistance providers, and a broad network of state universities and economic development partners, to assure clients the most appropriate resources for their needs.

The CSBDC state headquarters will be in New Britain with the Greater Hartford Regional Center located at the State Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) on Hudson Street in Hartford. Other regional centers will be housed at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic, Western Connecticut State University in Danbury and Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, with expansions to additional locations over the course of the year.

For more information on Small Business Development Centers visit www.sba.gov/sbdc/aboutus.html or call Bill Tierney, CSBDC Project Officer, at (860) 240-4894.



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